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Ex-Events Manager Sentenced in Coliseum Case

A former events manager was sentenced today to six months in county jail and ordered to pay \$500,000 for his role in the 2012 Coliseum embezzlement and bribery case, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Todd DeStefano, 43, also was placed on formal probation for three years by Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Kathleen Kennedy after he earlier pleaded no contest to one felony count of conflict of interest. DeStefano will surrender to the Los Angeles County Jail on Sept. 20 to begin serving his sentence.

Co-defendants and music promoters Pasquale Rotella, 41, and Reza Gerami, 41, were ordered on Aug. 3 to pay \$150,000 and \$30,000 respectively after each man pleaded no contest. Each man also was placed on summary probation for three years.

Former Coliseum general manager Patrick Lynch pleaded guilty to one felony count of conflict of interest four years ago and paid \$385,000.

In total, the defendants have agreed to pay more than \$1 million to Los Angeles County taxpayers.

A Grand Jury indictment unsealed in March 2012 charged DeStefano with diverting Coliseum event funds to his own company. Rotella's Insomniac and Gerami's Go Ventures both sponsored Coliseum events and participated in DeStefano's scheme.

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